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## Letter dated 14 July 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Suriname to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a press statement issued by my Government on 13 July 1994 with regard to the situation in Haiti.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 31.

(Signed) Ruth H. DE MIRANDA
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Press statement issued by the Government of Suriname
on 13 July 1994

The Government of Suriname has honoured the request made by the United States of America for a temporary safe haven for 2,000 Haitian refugees in Surinamese territory. On a site which is to be selected by Surinamese authorities, special facilities will be built for this purpose. All the costs for the temporary accommodation and return of these refugees will be defrayed by the United States of America.

The total operation of arrival, stay and return of the Haitian refugees will be under the auspices of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Suriname will sign an agreement with the Government of the United States of America in which provisions will be made for the financial arrangements and other modalities regarding the temporary stay of the Haitian refugees on Surinamese territory.

With the temporary accommodation of Haitian refugees on Surinamese territory, the Government of Suriname gives substance to the views it has expressed in international forums - particularly in the United Nations and the Organization of American States - that it will contribute to the solution of the Haitian crisis.

The extreme affliction which has been brought upon the people of Haiti under the current military regime justifies the relief measures for these distressed people.

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